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INTER-ACTION BETWEEN ARMED FORCES AND DRDO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the manner in which inter action is made between the Armed Forces and the Defence Research and Development Organisation in the matter of undertaking need based defence research to modernise the sophisticated equipments required by the army; and

(b) the details of the major projects of DRDO currently in hand in view of the above? A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) There is close interaction at every stage between Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the Armed Forces and the production agencies during design, development, testing and productionisation of the state-of-the-art weapon systems, equipment, sensors and platforms as per requirements projected by the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.

(b) State-of-the-art LCA has entered flight test phase with its maiden flight on 4th January 2001.Kaveri, the aero engine of LCA and its core engine are undergoing testing on multiple test beds. Remotely piloted vehicle (RPV) Nishant is ready for user trial.Samyukta and Sangraha, the Electronic Warfare (EW) programmes for the Army and the Navy respectively, are in advanced stage of development. Pinaka, multi barrel rocket system has completed user-cum-troop trials. Under IGMDP, the surface-to-surface missile Prithvi has been developed and inducted into the Army. Prithvi for the Air Force is ready for user trials. Akash medium range surface-to-air missile, Trishul short range surface-to-air missile and anti tank guided missile Nag are the other missiles in advance stages of development and trials. The operational configuration of long range surface-to-surface missile AGNI-II has been successfully developed and flight tested.